

Climate Ready Grant

Informational webinar

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Coastal Conservancy

STATE *of* CALIFORNIA

Work with partners to protect, restore, and provide access to the California coast & SF Bay



Wink



BLM



Ocean Discovery Institute



Mary Small



Alison Taggart-Barone



Coastal Conservancy

- Jurisdiction covers about 30% of California's land area
- Approximately 75% of the population





Coastal Conservancy

Climate Ready

Helping California communities meet the challenge of a changing climate

The Climate Ready Program seeks to encourage local governments, NGOs, and tribes to prepare for a changing climate



Climate Ready Program

The Conservancy has awarded over \$10M for over 50 projects

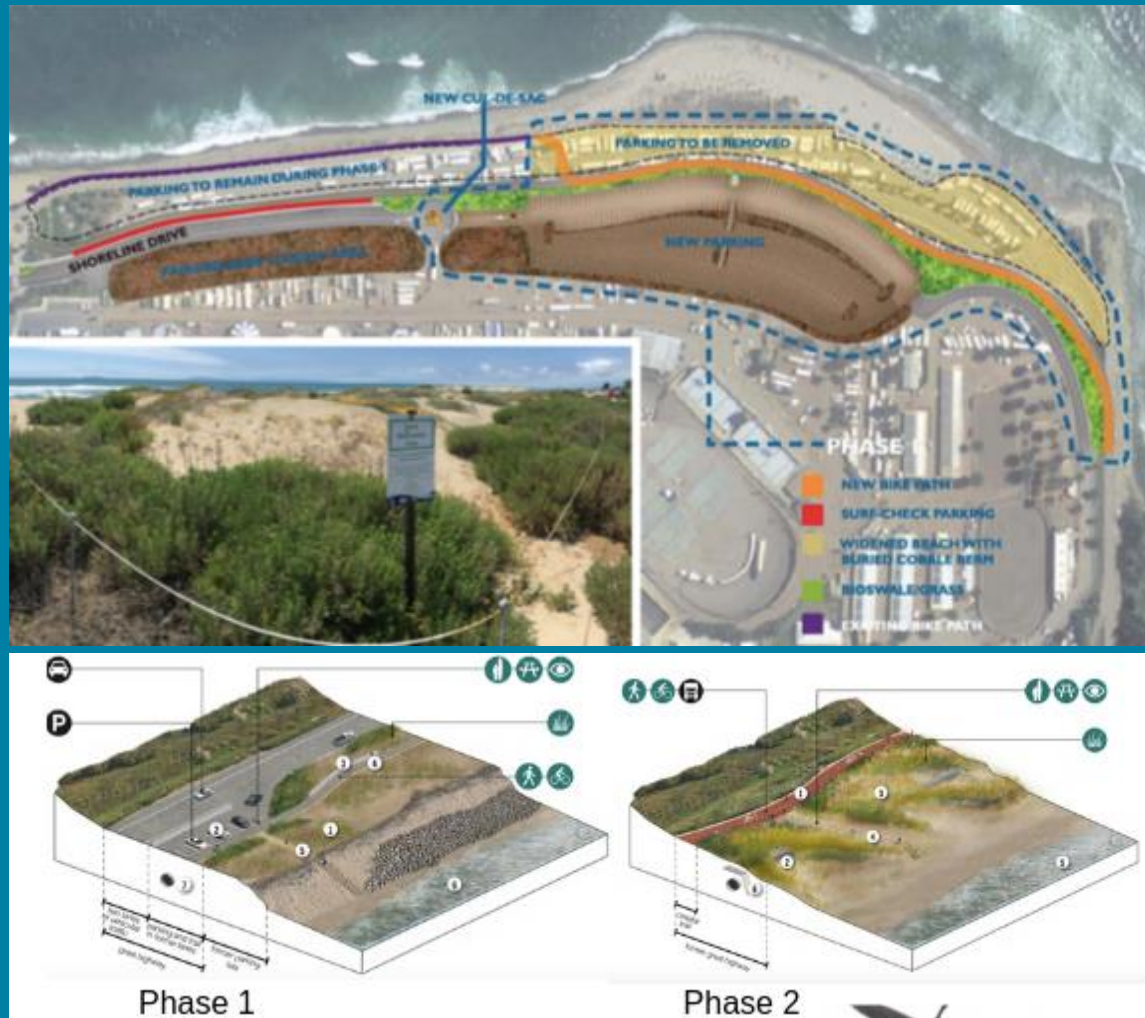
- Sea-level rise adaptation planning
- Living shorelines
- Carbon sequestration
- Rangeland/agricultural
- Urban Greening



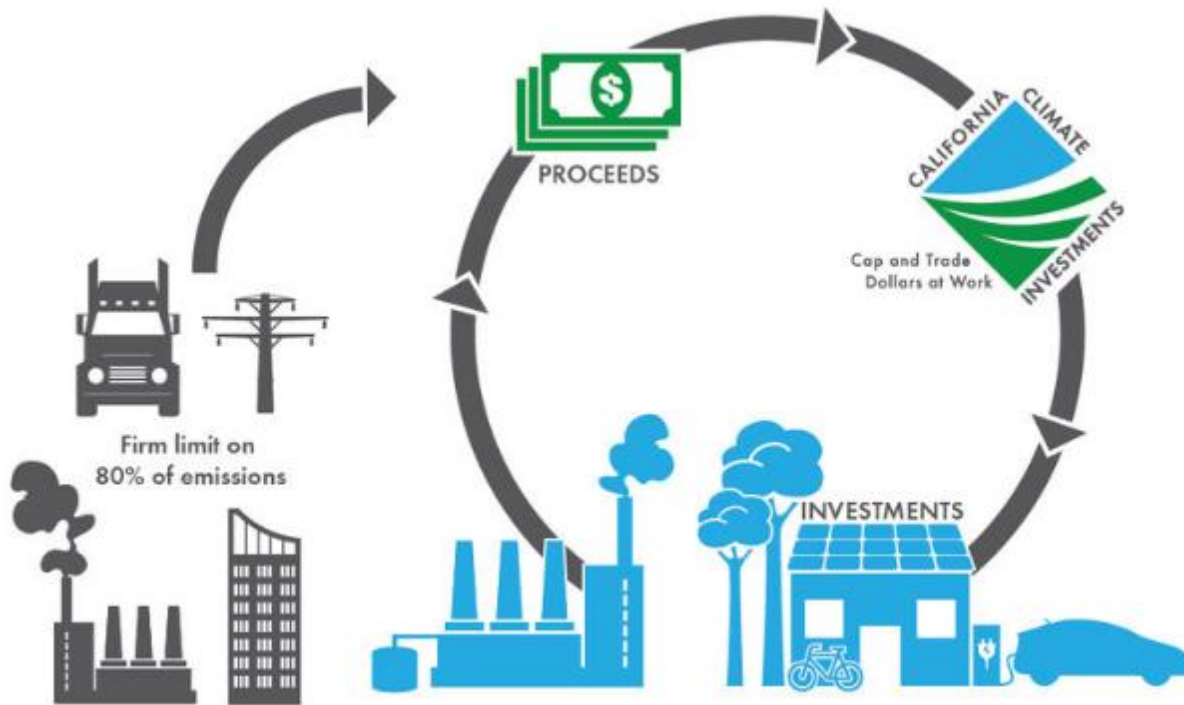
CLIMATE READY ROUND 6

Project Types:

- Managed retreat
- Natural Shoreline Infrastructure

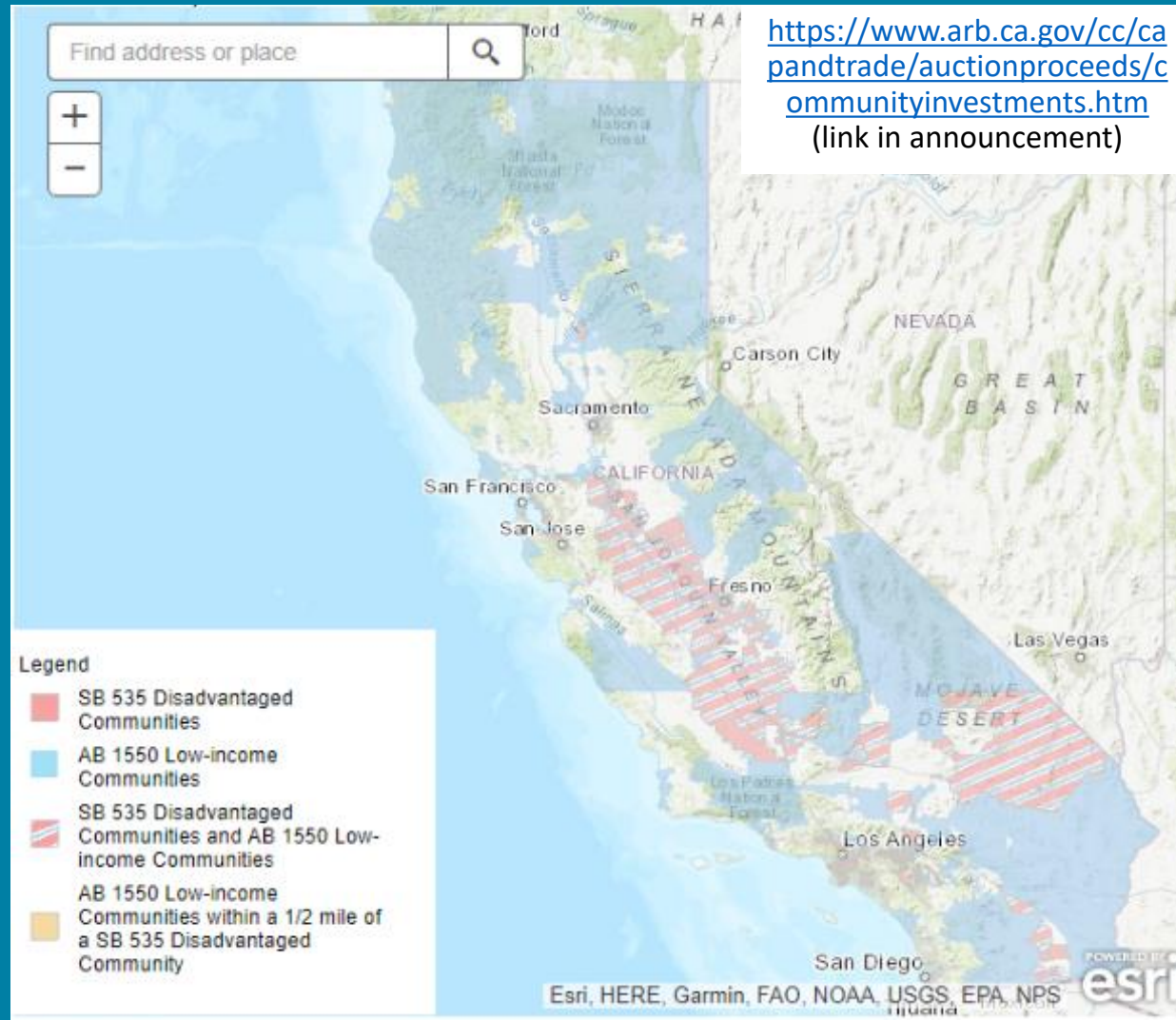


CAP-AND-TRADE AUCTION PROCEEDS



Projects funded by this Climate Ready round will facilitate the reduction of greenhouse gases

DISADVANTAGED AND LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES (DACs)



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To qualify:

1. Located in disadvantaged or low-income community
2. Meets need(s) of that community
3. Provides direct and meaningful benefits

Does your project benefit a low income or disadvantaged (AB 1550) community? Please check all that apply. You will be asked to describe the benefit(s) in Question 10 of this application.

- ☐ Preserves a site that allows public access
- ☐ Significantly reduces flood risk to households within one or more disadvantaged or low income communities
- ☐ Significantly reduces fire risk to households within one or more disadvantaged or low-income communities
- ☐ Maintains water quality and health of watersheds serving priority populations through avoiding the conversion of forest lands or wetlands that would have resulted in impacts to nearby water bodies located in the same or a directly adjacent disadvantaged or low income community as the project
- ☐ The majority (>50 percent) of trees planted by the project are located within one or more disadvantaged or low-income communities, and the project terms provide for maintenance of the trees and related vegetation
- ☐ Expands or improves the usability of existing active transportation routes (e.g., walking or bicycle paths) or creates new active transportation routes that are publicly accessible by walking within one or more disadvantaged or low-income communities, or improves open spaces, parks, greenbelts, and recreational areas publicly accessible by walking within one or more disadvantaged or low-income communities
- ☐ Provides regular and ongoing educational opportunities through partnerships with schools or non-profit organizations located in disadvantaged or low income communities and site access to residents of these communities
- ☐ Includes recruitment, agreements, policies, or other approaches that are consistent with federal and state law and result in either:
 - ☐ At least 25 percent of project work hours performed by residents of a disadvantaged or low-income community, or by residents of low-income households
 - ☐ At least 10 percent of project work hours performed by residents, as described above, participating in job training programs which lead to industry-recognized credentials or certifications

CLIMATE READY ROUND 6

A great fit will:

- Increase community resilience to sea level rise
- Facilitate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- Provide multiple benefits, especially to priority populations



CLIMATE READY APPLICATION

Due July 1

- Pre-proposal consultations with Regional Manager are recommended, email suggested
- Complete application includes:
 - Grant application cover page (pdf)
 - Grant application form (in Microsoft word or rtf format)
 - Project maps, design plans, and photos (one pdf file and one shapefile or kmz of project footprint)
 - Nonprofit Organizations, please submit completed Nonprofit Organization Pre-Award Questionnaire
- Basic information about all applications will be posted on Conservancy website

CLIMATE READY APPLICATION

Applications will first be screened:

1. Does it meet purposes of Climate Ready?
2. Will it facilitate reduction of GHG emissions?
3. Does it advance sea level rise adaptation?

CLIMATE READY APPLICATION

Criteria	Points
Project achieves purposes of this round of Climate Ready grants.	15
Project maximizes benefits and/or provides multiple benefits	15
Best available science, technology, practices	5
Meaningful community engagement and support	15
Long-term benefits with clear method for monitoring	7
Demonstrated success implementing similar projects	8
Reasonable scope of work, budget, schedule	25
Located within or directly benefits a DAC	10

CLIMATE READY TIMELINE

July 1 2019:
Applications due

End of Sept 2019:
Applicants
notified

Dec 2019:
Projects
presented at
Board meeting

Jan 2020:
Earliest project
start date

March 1 2023:
Funds must be
spent

PROJECT REPORTING

The Conservancy will work with grantees to meet California Air Resources Board reporting requirements:

- Quantification of GHG emission reductions
- Co-benefits



FAQs

Is there a minimum or maximum amount available for each project?

No, but we anticipate funding 3-5 projects. There is \$2.8 million available total

Will planning projects be considered? – Yes, if the plan:

1. will lead to reduction of GHG emissions
2. is an essential step to develop a project
3. has clear steps for future implementation

Can we apply for climate vulnerability assessments? – No

Can we apply for stream enhancement or inland retreat? – No

Can we apply for land acquisition? – maybe

FAQs

Can funding be used for community engagement activities (food/childcare)? – Yes

Can we be reimbursed for work prior to award? – No

Is there matching fund requirement? – No, but will earn points in “support” category

Will slides be available after the webinar? – Yes, we will post on the Climate Ready website

Post-Webinar Qs

Can a feasibility study begin before grant awarded, and will it be more competitive? – Support and studies will be beneficial to applications

Are projects in bays and estuaries considered? – Yes

How much of funds go to DACs? – Of \$2.8mil total, 35% or roughly \$980,000 will likely be allocated to DAC designated areas

What are some carbon sequestration methods? – Any type of planting, wetland restoration, tree planting...

Early phase planning projects okay? – Provided other guidelines are demonstrated, and strategy for implementation is in place, yes

Post-Webinar Qs

Can wetland mitigation projects 5 miles inland be considered? – Not likely

Will future rounds support inland work? – Yes, we hope! We would love to support broader adaptation goals when we have more resources

Acquisition projects eligible? – If it is part of a shoreline adaptation, or ticks boxes of climate ready in other ways, it could be considered

Thank you!

Questions about application: dan.hossfeld@scc.ca.gov

Pre-proposal consultations:

- North Coast: Del Norte County to coastside Sonoma and Marin Counties
Karyn Gear: karyn.gear@scc.ca.gov
- San Francisco Bay Area: Nine Bay Area Counties, excluding the coastside of Sonoma, Marin, and San Mateo Counties:
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- Central Coast: coastside San Mateo County to Santa Barbara County:
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